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LOK SABHA DEBATES

Lok Sabha

Tuesday, December 16, 2003/Agrahayana 25, 1925 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

NOTICES FOR SUSPENSION OF QUESTION HOUR AND MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

RE: Reported strike by oil sector employees against disinvestments of BPCL, HPCL etc.

Title: Demand for statement regarding Prime Minister's trip to Syria, Kazakhistan, Russia and regarding West Asian situation and the post Saddam Hussein's arrest situation in Iraq.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, we have given a notice to suspend the Question Hour and to take up the Adjournment Motion. There is a strike by the workers of BPCL and HPCL ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, there is a strike by 1,50,000 workers of BPCL and HPCL. ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री रामजीलाल सुमन (फिरोजाबाद) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज तेल कम्पनियों के श्रमिक हड़ताल पर हैं।â€¦ (व्यवधान)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Government to a very important issue.

It is a tradition of this Parliament that whenever the hon. Prime Minister visits abroad, in between the Sessions, he makes a statement in the House. We understand that a successful trip was conducted by him to Russia, Kazakistan and especially in the given context of the West Asian situation to Syria. The House should not be deprived of the statement from the hon. Prime Minister.

It is more important to note that on the 8th April, 2003, at your behest, we passed a Resolution on Iraq in Hindi, asking the coalition forces to withdraw and given the whole thing to the United Nations. In the given context of that situation and now after the arrest of former ruler, Saddam Hussein, cutting across party lines, everybody expressed yesterday as to what is the concern of India about the treatment to be meted out to him. I do not know whether within or outside Iraq there is a proper judicial system or not. The Houses are kept in dark.

So, I demand, through you, to the Government that the Government, before rise of the House, should make a comprehensive statement (a) in regard to hon. Prime Minister's trip to Syria, Kazakistan and Russia and (b) in regard to the West-Asian situation and the post Saddam Hussein's arrest situation in Iraq. The House should be taken into confidence.

Sir, through you, this is the only appeal. I hope the Government will not resist it and the Government will come forward with a statement. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (HAJIPUR): We all support him. â€¦ (*Interruptions*)

श्री रामजीलाल सुमन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, सरकार को अपनी नीति बतानी चाहिए।â€¦ (व्यवधान)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : What the Government did to execute the Resolution of the Parliament in terms of raising our voice. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The issue has been noted by the Government and the Government will respond to it.

...(*Interruptions*)